

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-4 (Cancelled).

5. (Currently amended) The animal-scaring device of claim ~~4~~14 wherein the pair of wings is detachably coupled to the body.

6. (Currently amended) The animal-scaring device of claim ~~4~~14, wherein, the wings each have an inner side having a width  $W_2$  and an opposite outer side having a width  $W_3$ , wherein a ratio between the widths of the inner and outer sides ranges within about a 0.7-1 interval.

7. (Currently amended) The animal-scaring device of claim 6, wherein each wing has a leading and trailing edge, the trailing edge having ~~an outwardly~~a first curved region located next to the ~~inner side of the wingbody~~ and the ~~inwardly~~a second curved region located next to the ~~unattached end of the wing~~outer side, the ~~outwardly~~first and ~~inwardly~~second curved regions having substantially a uniform radius of curvature.

8. (Currently amended) The animal-scaring device of claim 7, wherein the leading edge of the wing has ~~an outwardly~~a curved central region flanked by two side regions.

9. (Currently amended) The animal-scaring device of claim 8, wherein the side regions each ~~have~~has a radius of curvature substantially greater than ~~at~~the radius of curvature of the central regions.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently amended) The animal-scaring device of claim ~~4~~14, wherein each wing has a frame including a plurality of sections formed as a one-piece body or as a plurality of detachable components.

12. (Currently amended) The animal-scaring device of claim ~~4~~14, wherein the body includes a head portion, a tail portion and a hollow frame coupled to the head and tail portions.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently amended) ~~The~~An animal-scaring device ~~of claim 13~~ configured to have a shape of a predatory bird comprising a body and a pair of wings, each of the wings being configured so that a ratio between a maximum width of the wing and a length thereof (W./L) ranges between about 0.4-0.6, the device being coupled to a manually operable reel by a central line, wherein the reel hashaving a central hub, a plurality of angularly spaced pins each provided with a respective free end, and a pair of spaced apart, endless sides attached to the free end of the

plurality of pins, wherein the reel is rotatable in opposite directions to modify a length of the central line.

15. (Originally presented) The animal-scaring device of claim 14, wherein the free end of the plurality of pins has a C-shaped cross section bridging the pair of endless sides, wherein the line is supported by a central portion of the free end of the pins.

16. (Originally presented) The animal-scaring device of claim 15, further comprising a handle, the handle and the hub being rotatable relative to one another.

Claims 17-22 (Cancelled).